

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COURT OF APPEALS

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In the Matter of COLEY PIDER III, BENJAMIN  
PIDER, ALISHA PIDER, and ALEXANDER  
PIDER, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,  
  
Petitioner-Appellee,

V

PRECILLA BOWER,  
  
Respondent-Appellant.

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April 7, 2005

No. 258367  
Newaygo Circuit Court  
Family Division  
LC No. 03-005779-NA

Before: Kelly, P.J., and Sawyer and Wilder, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent appeals as of right from the circuit court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E)/

The circuit court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 3.977(J); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The conditions that led to adjudication included unstable and unsuitable housing conditions, unsuitable supervision of the children, domestic violence, and inadequate parenting skills. Respondent failed to meaningfully participate in the numerous services provided that were designed to reunite her with her children. She did not complete the intensive individual counseling recommended following her psychological evaluation solely because she did not want to deal with her past, failed to complete or benefit from parenting classes because she did not think the instructor was a good role model, failed to participate in nutrition classes because she did not think she would learn anything new, and failed to obtain and maintain stable and suitable housing even for herself. Her employment was, at best, sporadic. Respondent failed to rectify any of the conditions that led to the adjudication and failed to provide proper care and custody of the children. The evidence was clear and convincing that respondent would not be able to do either within a reasonable time considering the ages of the children. Moreover, based on her conduct and capacity, it was clear that there was a reasonable likelihood that the children would be harmed if returned to her care.

Furthermore, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). While in respondent's care, the children suffered from severe physical, emotional, and educational neglect. They were malnourished, suffered from a variety of medical and dental problems, and were behind academically. Since coming into foster care, all of the children began to improve and thrive. Therefore, the circuit court did not err in terminating respondent's parental rights to the minor children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Kirsten Frank Kelly

/s/ David H. Sawyer

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder